

Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week State Board of Education Resolution

WHEREAS, school bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, almost thirty percent of the youth in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and electronic, and can happen in many places on and off school grounds; and

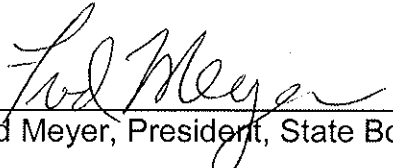
WHEREAS, it is important for Nebraska students, teachers, and school administrators to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education adopted in 2003 and reaffirmed in 2005 a policy on anti-bullying to encourage positive behaviors and to eliminate bullying behaviors; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Nebraska Legislature adopted Legislative Resolution 420 declaring Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Nebraska State Board of Education joins the Nebraska Legislature in proclaiming the week of September 25-29, 2006, as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska schools during that time.

Signed this seventh day of September, 2006



Fred Meyer, President, State Board of Education